

What is claimed is:

1. A traveling sprinkler apparatus comprising:
 - a wheeled frame;
 - a hose reel rotatably mounted on the frame;
 - a rotatable sprinkler head;
 - a transmission for communicating the rotation of the sprinkler to the hose reel such that the hose reel rotates;
 - a flow control valve;
 - supply piping having an inlet end and extending to the flow control valve;
 - sprinkler piping extending between the flow control valve and the sprinkler head;
 - and
 - discharge piping extending from the flow control valve to an outlet end;
 - wherein the valve is movable at least between a first position and a second position,
 - wherein, in the first position, fluid communication is permitted substantially exclusively between the supply piping and the discharge piping, whereby a fluid enters the discharge piping and is discharged from the outlet end of the discharge piping such that the sprinkler apparatus does not travel,
 - wherein, in the second position, fluid communication is permitted substantially exclusively between the supply piping and the sprinkler piping, whereby a fluid enters and is discharged from the sprinkler head such that the sprinkler head rotates, which, by way of the transmission, causes the sprinkler apparatus to travel.
2. The traveling sprinkler of claim 1 further comprising:
 - a flow control switch, wherein the flow control switch is operatively connected to the flow control valve so as to move the flow control valve between the first and second positions, whereby a user can selectively move the valve between the first and second positions.

- 1 3. The traveling sprinkler apparatus of claim 2 wherein the switch is one of a dial or
2 a knob.
- 1 4. The traveling sprinkler apparatus of claim 2 wherein the switch is an electrical
2 controller.
- 1 5. The traveling sprinkler apparatus of claim 4 wherein the controller is operated by
2 a remote control unit.
- 1 6. The traveling sprinkler of claim 1 further including a first hose connected at one
2 end to the inlet of the supply piping, whereby the other end of the first hose is connected
3 to a fluid source such that a fluid can be supplied to the supply piping.
- 1 7. The traveling sprinkler of claim 6 further including a second hose having
2 opposing ends, wherein the second hose is connected at one end to the outlet end of
3 the discharge piping.
- 1 8. The traveling sprinkler of claim 1 wherein the flow control valve is a ball valve.
- 1 9. The traveling sprinkler of claim 1 wherein the inlet end of the supply piping
2 includes a coupling adapted for connection to a hose.
- 1 10. The traveling sprinkler of claim 9 wherein the coupling is located on the hose
2 reel.
- 1 11. The traveling sprinkler of claim 10 wherein the coupling includes one of threads
2 or quick disconnects.
- 1 12. The traveling sprinkler of claim 1 wherein the outlet end of the discharge piping
2 includes a coupling adapted for connection to one of a hose or a fluid dispensing
3 device.

1 13. The traveling sprinkler of claim 12 wherein the coupling includes one of threads
2 or quick disconnects.

1 14. The traveling sprinkler of claim 1 wherein the transmission includes at least a
2 plurality of gears.

1 15. The traveling sprinkler of claim 1 wherein the valve is further movable to a third
2 position, wherein the supply piping is substantially restricted from fluidly communicating
3 with the discharge piping and the sprinkler piping.

1 16. The traveling sprinkler of claim 1 further including a housing attached to one of
2 the hose reel or the wheeled carriage, wherein the housing encloses at least a portion
3 of the valve, the sprinkler head, and the discharge piping.